



Multinational Interoperability Council

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MIC 2004

The Multinational Interoperability Council (MIC) held its fifth annual Principals' Meeting (*MIC 2004*) at the Hotel des Invalides in Paris, France from 7-9 December 2004. VADM Hébrard, Director of Operations from the French Joint Defense Staff and LtGen James T. Conway, Director for Operations (J3), U.S. Joint Staff, co-hosted the conference. Fifteen flag/general officers from 8 different nations attended representing the Combined Communications-Electronics Board, NATO Allied Command Transformation, New Zealand and Italy. VADM Coldéfy, Deputy Chief of the French Defence Staff, presented the keynote address.

The MIC's Multinational Interoperability Working Groups (MIWGs) worked a variety of tasks assigned by the Principals at their meeting in Canberra, Australia, in December 2003. Tasks worked and/or completed by the MIWGs included: the development of the MIC Griffin Domain (MGD), the establishment of a MIC Griffin Task Force InfoSec Team, the revision of the MIC Coalition Building Guide, the definition of elements of a Coalition Information Exchange Environment in 2008, the conducting of a Data Call/Gap Analysis, the development of a MIC Strategic Plan, the establishment of a MIC requirements process, the revision of the MIC Management Plan, the completion of several Mutual Logistics Support Agreements and a Strategic Plan Tracking Tool, the formulation of a lessons identified management process, the completion of the MIC Information Exchange MOU (MICIEM) document, and the identification of User Communities for the MGD.



The Principals signed the revised MIC Charter and the MICIEM Document, a major milestone for future information exchange between the member nations. Furthermore, the Principals briefed and discussed their national decision making processes as well as how each individual nation handles Interagency relationships.

The Principals decided to conduct a tabletop exercise in 2005 and to test the Griffin network during limited Command Post Operational Evaluation.



All Participants enjoyed the French pre-Christmas atmosphere in Paris and the terrific hospitality of our French hosts. We thank them for a memorable conference and look forward to meeting in Canada in May 2005.

MIC 2005 EVENTS CALENDAR

- MIWG Meeting 8-10 March NCC, Lansdowne, VA
- MIC 2005 Canada
- MIWG Meeting 27-29 Sep, Norfolk, VA
- Capstone Meeting November

The MIC Principals in Paris Dec04:



From left to right: BG Wundrak (DEU), BGen Barabé (CAN), VADM Hébrard (FRA), LtGen Conway (USA), Maj Gen Houghton (GBR), AIRCDRE Paule (AUS)

MIC ES News:



The members of the MIC Executive Secretariat are Col Chuck Pattillo, LtCol Mike Cuccio, Mr. Ron Forrester, and Lt Col Stephan Mayer.

MIC News from Paris:

- The Gap Analysis of all Outstanding Efforts in the Multinational Arena will continue and assist the MIC leadership determine Future MIC Actions and Topics.
- After the analysis of the results based on the CIEE 2008 end state, the MIC Strategic Roadmap will be completed to guide the MIC's activities over the next 5 Years.
- The MIC will avoid duplication of effort and continue to progress by leveraging the good work of other agencies.
- The MIC will continue to actively engage with other multinational fora to maintain visibility in all aspects of coalition interoperability.
- The MIC will maintain a strategic perspective and continue to concentrate its efforts on information sharing and command and control issues as it broadens its scope to encompass other lines of development.

WEB LINKS

MIC Home Page: www.defenselink.mil/nii/org/c3is/ccbm/mic.html
CCEB Home Page: <http://www.dtic.mil/jcs/j6/cceb>
ABCA Home Page: <http://www.abca.hqda.pentagon.mil/>
AUSCANZUKUS: <http://www.auscannzukur-navalc3.hq.navy.mil/>
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